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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture and Cooperation Department – Regulation of quality of seeds and sale of seeds to farmer consumers - Effective & transparent maintenance of certain records, books and uniform format for issuing of invoice or bill or cash memo or receipt by the seeds dealer/seller to purchaser of seeds for protection of the interests of farmer consumers – Permission accorded - Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (AGRI.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.336 Dated:23.05.2022

Read the following:

1. From the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Letter. No.AGC02-12027/4/2021, Dated: 04.12.2021.
2. From the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Letter. No.AGC02-12027/4/2021, Dated: 06.03.2022.

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ORDER:

In the circumstances reported by the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur in the letters 1st & 2nd read above, Government after careful examination of the matter hereby accord permission to the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, to direct all seed dealers in the State to maintain records as mentioned herein for effective administration of the seed laws in state under Clause 18(1) of Seeds (Control) Order, 1983 and also protection of the interests of farmer consumers. The below specified records in addition to the existing sale, processing register and stock records shall invariably be maintained and produced on demand before the Inspection Authorities concerned by all the seed license holders as and when the latter warranted:-

1. **ICAR Approvals Record**: The total record on evaluation, approval, management and monitoring and also confirmation of the presence or absence of the approved gene /event, level of protein expression etc. in Bt Cotton Hybrids as obtained from the ICAR and the GEAC approval of proposals relating release of other crop seeds containing genetically engineered organisms and products as the case may be. (Applicable to Genetically Modified crop seeds only).

2. **Source Seed Record**: The record on purchase of source seed including bills, invoices etc. (Applicable to Notified varieties only).

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3. **Import Permissions Record**: The total record of the Official Phytosanitary Certificate, Import Permission and all other relevant records as prescribed under the Plants, Fruits and Seeds (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 1989 (Applicable to Imported crop seed only).

4. **Yield Potential Record**: The total record on morphological characters duly mentioning, physiological & quality attributes, agronomic practices, expected/ potential yield, suitability, area adaptability, reaction to pests & diseases etc., for all the varieties/hybrids along with the brief description of variety bringing out its characteristics of Novelty, Distinctness, Uniformity & Stability. (Applicable to all Other than Notified varieties including the Imported crop seeds).

5. **Sale Bill Books**: The cash/credit memorandum (Invoice / Bill Books) in the prescribed format with following particulars (Applicable to all the seed business transactions) under Clause 5 of the Consumer Protection (General) Rules, 2020, (GSR 449 (E), dt. 15.07.2020):-

(a) The name and address of the seller along with the License number;

(b) a consecutive serial number not exceeding sixteen characters in one or multiple series, containing letters or numerals or special characters (hyphen or dash, and slash, symbolized as "," and "/" respectively) and any combination thereof, unique for a financial year;

(c) the date of its issue;

(d) the name of the consumer;

(e) the description of goods (kind, variety, lot number, producer etc.;

(f) the quantity(number of seed containers along with the units);

(g) the shipping address, where applicable;

(h) the taxable value and discounts (if applicable);

(i) the rate of tax (if applicable);

(j) the signature of the seller or his authorized representative;

(k) the customer care number or e-mail ID, where available and;

(l) the total price in single figure, along with the breaking price showing all the compulsory and voluntary charges such as delivery charges, postage and handling charges, conveyance charges and the applicable tax (total value along with the unit value);

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(m) the signature of the purchaser or his/her authorized representative;

(n). the cash bill or credit memorandum shall not contain any statement, claim, denial of responsibility etc; which directly or by implication contradicts, qualifies or modifies such particulars as contained on the mark or label of the seed container.

2. The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH, I.A.S.,
CHIEF COMMISSIONER RBKs &
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
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The P.S to the Hon'ble Minister (Agri.).
The P.S to Chief Commissioner RBKs &
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SECTION OFFICER